THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) and (b) Most of the food processing industries are delicensed and in such cases only an Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEM) is required to be filed. From 1991 till June, 1997, 32 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEMs) envisaging an investment of Rs. 261 crores has been filed for setting up food processing Industries in Bihar. However, approval are granted by Government for setting up joint ventures, foreign collaboration etc. During this period 6 approvals involving an investment of Rs. 33 crores including foreign investment of Rs. 1 crore have been granted for setting up food processing industries in Bihar.

In addition, Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Schemes extends financial assistance to State Government Organisations, Joint Sector/ Assisted Sector Projects/Cooperative Societies, Voluntary Organisations/Non-Government Organisations etc. for the development of food processing industries. During the Eighth Plan period financial assistance as per details given below has been extended in respect of proposals received from the State of Bihar:

	(Rs. in lakhs)
Fruit & Vegetables Processing Sector	68.76
Meat & Poultry Processing Sector	24.83
Secretariat Economic Services	14.90
Total	108.49

Action has already been initiated for financial sanction in respect of another six proposals in the Fruit & Vegetables Processing Sector.

Share of food processing industry

1284. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the share of food processing industry out of total foodgrains, plantation and agricultural produces in the country during the last three year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): Food Processing Industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors. Hence the share of food processing industries out of total food grains, plantation and agricultural produces in the country are not available. However, the total production of food grains which include Rice, Wheat, Jower, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Pulses, Barley millete and coarse cereals etc. during the last three years are as under:—

1994-95 191.50 Million Tonnes
1995-96 185.04 Million Tonnes
1996-97 193.50 Million Tonnes (Estimated)

Out of the total production of food grains mentioned above, about 10% is retained by the farmers for purpose of seed. Rest of the production is processed by various food processing industries every year. About 2% of the toal production of fruits and vegetables and 4% of the total production of Milk are processed in the organised sector.

FPIs in State of Orissa

1285. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Food Processing Industries in the state of Orissa, location-wise;

(b) whether there are any problems in setting up such industries in the state;

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether Government propose to set up more such industries in the state; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, District-location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) Food Processing Industries are both in Organised and Un-organised Sectors and the State-wise information regarding no. of food processing units is not maintained in this Ministry. As per Annual Survey of Industries (1993-94), there were 402 factories in the various sectors of food processing in the State of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Setting up of industries would depend on various inter-related factors such as availability of processable varieties of raw materials at a reasonable prices over a long period, infrastructural facilities, marketing tie up etc.

Various steps taken by the Govt. from time to time *inter-alia* include policy measures, extension of financial assistance under the Plan Scheme of MFPI, fiscal concessions etc.

(d) and (e) Ministry do not set up any food processing unit directly in any State. However, the Ministry under its plan schemes, extends financial assistance to State Govt. Organisations/Cooperatives/ voluntary Organisations etc. for setting up/expansion modernisation of food processing units.

Opposition by Laghu Udyog Bharati

1286. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) has opposed Government's move to dereserve eighty more items alongwith 14 products meant to be exclusively manufactured by small scale industrial units; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Laghu Udyog Bharati vide their representation dated 23rd June, 1997 brought to the notice of the Government about a news item published in "Pioneer" dated the 14th June, 1997 "hinting at dereservation of 80 SSI items" and sought for invitation to attend the meeting whenever held to express their views.

(b) Reservation/dereservation is a continuous process and is being reviewed periodically by the Advisory Committee on Reservation constituted by the Government under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. This Committee meets at regular intervals and recommends to the Government items to be added to and deleted from the reserved list. Interest of the small scale sector is always kept in view, whenever any suggestion is made with regard to changes in the reserved list. No meeting of the Advisory Committee has been held after the receipt of the above mentioned representation.

Turn around of Sick Public Sector Units

1287. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the sick public sector units is expected to turn around this year;

(b) if so, how such achievement could be possible; and

(c) whether an assessment will be made for such achievement and applied in other such cases?